

" That as to those Goods consigned to *Corbin Lee*, for the *Nottingham Forges*, they appeared to belong to Messieurs *John Buchanan*, *James Russell*, and *Walter and John Ewer*, all of *London*: That the Orders for those Goods lay unexecuted at *London*, from *May 'til October*, when it was apprehended the Resolution was taken up of sending them, upon the Strength of what *Mr. Samuel Buchanan* had said of the *Maryland Association*; and upon the whole, were of Opinion that those Goods ought not to be landed.

" That as to *Edward Dorsey's* Goods, they were fairly imported agreeable to the several Associations; but as some Difficulties arose, in Regard to the entering them at the Custom-House, with *Mr. Dorsey's* Consent they went back to *London* in the Vessel, some Gentlemen taking the Risk of them off his Hands."

The Committee finding it impossible to get their whole Proceedings ready for the Gazette, and if they were ready, the Gazette would not contain them, resolved to draw up an Abstract, or Summary Account for the News-Paper, and to print the whole Proceedings in a Pamphlet. The Abstract may be seen in the *Maryland Gazette*, Number 1275.

IT WAS EVIDENT to the Committee, that unless *subsisting Orders* only were meant by the Association, every Merchant in *London*, trading to this Province, might send in any Quantities of Goods he pleased, under Orders that he must in Course of Business have refused to comply with: And the Committee, with the deepest Concern, viewed this Attempt to ship Goods from *London*, against the avowed Spirit of the Association, immediately upon the Arrival of Messieurs *Samuel Buchanan* and *John Read Magruder*, who therefore, and from their Characters and Connexions, must have been supposed to entertain true Ideas of the Association; and at the critical Time, when the Minds of Men there, must have been in Suspence, as to the Effect of *American Associations*, as a very dangerous Attack on the prudent, necessary, and constitutional Resolutions, to preserve the Rights and Liberties of *America*.

If it be asked why the Goods *prohibited* were not landed or stored? The Answer is obvious: The Association was the governing Rule for the Conduct of the Committee. This was the Ground for them to act upon: As far as their Conduct was consistent with the Spirit and Language of the Association; so far they acted upon right Principles, and stood justified. If once they departed from the Association, and adopted a different Ground for their Judgment and Determination, they would have been justly chargeable with assuming a Latitude presumptuous and unwarrantable. The Association expressly forbids the Landing of Goods not fairly imported: Will any Man then repeat the Question, why the Goods *prohibited* were not landed and stored?

If it be asked, why the *allowable* Articles of the several Cargoes imported, were involved in the *general* Determination with Regard to the *prohibited* Articles? The Committee give this Answer; That those Articles were *blended* and *packed up with* the Articles *prohibited*: That the Association expressly forbids the landing of Articles *prohibited*. That a Separation was *impracticable*: That the Association was well known by *Mr. Buchanan*, before the Purchase, and of Consequence before the Package of the Goods: That the